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CONTINUED EXAMPLEMENT Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C.

REQUEST FOR

## INTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

## **TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application Filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	10/020,067	
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTONB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. S0092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which estimated RCE practice.

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3.	Fee a. b.	i. Ac ii. Siii. Ch	fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 which the RCE is filed.  e Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit count No. 17-0026  RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)  Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.117)  Other  eck in the amount of \$ enclosed  yment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)
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